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Lisa K. Kreager, M.D. 29 South Hampton Avenue Towson, MD 21204 **FILE COPY** 

Re:

Susie Sanders

Dear Dr. Kreager:

I have been appointed as the Best Interest Attorney for Susie. A copy of the Order Appointing Counsel for Minor Child is enclosed for your records.

It is my understanding that Susie is currently in counseling with you. I would appreciate arranging a time when we may speak regarding Susie, and your forwarding to me a copy of her records prior to that time so that I may review them in advance of our conversation.

In the meantime, to avoid any potential misunderstandings, I do not waive any of Susie's privilege and you may not release her records to anyone else (even if subpoenaed) and may not discuss her matter with anyone else.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Christopher W. Nicholson

**Enclosure** 

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August 9, 2010

#### VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Ms. Calli Woodward 6 Telegraph Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21206

Re:

Brown v. Meadow

Dear Ms. Woodward:

As per your request in our telephone conversation this morning, I am faxing the list of documents and information Mr. Nicholson needs to prepare for the trial on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to your home fax number.

Also, Mr. Nicholson has agreed to meet with you tomorrow evening at 5:15 p.m..in our office to accommodate your work schedule. Our address is at the top of this sheet. Please feel free to communicate us if you need directions to the office.

#### Documents/Information:

- 1. Copies of any papers or documents that you would like Mr. Nicholson to review, such as report cards, medical records, or correspondence with teachers.
- 2. Names and addresses for Terri's medical doctor, dentist, psychiatrist, psychologist, counselor and/or therapist.
- 3. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of three (3) individuals who have observed Terri's interactions with you.
- 4. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of any coaches, tutors, scout leaders or other individuals with whom Terri interacts for extra-curricular activities.

Also, Mr. Nicholson will need to meet with Terri individually. We need to make arrangements for this meeting as soon as possible.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Sincerely,

Mary-jo Mather, Legal Assistant

March 11, 2011 9:30 AM (Mrs. Berry) 2:30 PM (Mr. Berry)

## AGENDA FOR MEETING WITH MR. AND MRS. BERRY

	1		Lay witnesses		
			Α.	Confirm names, addresses and scope of knowledge	
			В.	Would like three witnesses for each child.	
Coord		2. linator?		ne parties agree upon a third party to act as a Parent	
		•	A.	Topics for the Parent Coordinator.	
			В.	Use of a Priest to determine standards for religious issues.	
	3	3.	Update	es regarding each child since last meeting:	
			A.	Mike	
			В.	Frank	
			C.	Edith	

- D. Steffi
- 4. Review of the girls' current Report Cards and school performance.
- 5. Larry Apple, LCSW
  - A. How often does he see/treat the children?
  - B. Which of the children does he treat?
  - C. Why name and documents never provided to CWN previously?
- 6. Has anyone else seen/treated the children that have not been provided?
- 7. Any additional information to be provided?

# PROPOSED QUESTIONS FOR MARY AND JOHN SMITH, MINOR CHILDREN

Paul Smith, Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant, by Christopher W. Nicholson and Turnbull, Nicholson & Sanders, P. A., his attorney submits these Proposed Questions for Mary and John Smith:

- 1. What is your name, address and date of birth?
- 2. What school do you attend and what grade are you in now? What school did you previously attend and what grade were you in when you left that school?
  - 3. What are your favorite subjects and how are your grades?
- 4. Do you know the difference between telling the truth and telling a lie? What is the difference?
  - 5. What happens if you tell a lie?
  - 6. Are your mother and father divorced? For how long?
  - 7. With whom do you live? How often do you see your father?
- 8. When did you last see your father? Do you know why you are limited in seeing your father? Why?
  - 9. Topics to be explored:
    - A. The move from Maryland to Pennsylvania.
- B. What you were told before the move? What were you told about why you were moving?
- C. Who else lives with you or spends overnights with you in Pennsylvania?

- D. Are you able to communicate with your Mother? Are you able to communicate with your Father?
- E. Did you like living in Maryland? Did you have friends in Maryland? Did you have family (cousins) that live in Maryland?
- F. What types of things did you do with your Mother prior to the move? What types of things did you do with your Father prior to the move?
  - G. What are your hobbies?
  - 10. Have you discussed your parents' case with either of them?
  - 11. Have you discussed your parents' case with anyone?
- 12. Who told you that you were coming to Court today? What did they tell you?

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this \_\_ day of February, 2011, I hand delivered a copy of the foregoing Proposed Questions for Mary and John Smith to:

Christopher W. Nicholson

Waiver of Privilege

-Very rarely should you waive privilege. Do it only after serious discussions with the child's therapist because most therapists believe that this will not only undermine their relationship with the child, but also affect the child's ability to trust anyone in an intimate relationship in their future.

CAPTION

## WAIVER OF PATIENT/PSYCHOLOGIST PRIVILEGE

Keith N. Schiszik, Esq., Court-appointed attorney for the minor child, hereby notifies the Court that after interviewing the mental health professional with whom the minor child is under treatment, privilege on behalf of the child is hereby waived, it being in the child's best interests to have the mental health professional, Janet Carson, Psy.D., testify in this matter.

Keith N. Schiszik, Esq. Counsel for the minor child

Certificate of Service, etc.

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PATRICE STREET
MARTLAND 21701
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

Frank Smith		
Plaintiff	,	
V		Case No: 07-1772

Mary Smith

Defendant

## Petition of the Child's Attorney for INTERIM Counsel Fees

Comes now Keith N. Schiszik, Esq., Child's Attorney, who requests interim payment of fees for services rendered and says as follows in support of the request:

- 1. On the 1st day of November, 2007, the Court appointed Undersigned Counsel to represent the minor child in these proceedings.
- 2. Since that time, Counsel has diligently represented the child and has met with the child and the parents, interviewed other witnesses, and has discussed the matter with Counsel for the parents. Counsel initiated discovery and has thus far been to court several times on behalf of the child. Attached is a detailed billing history for services rendered through February 1, 2008, demonstrating all effort expended by the undersigned attorney on behalf of the child thus far.
- 3. Undersigned Counsel has expended \_\_\_\_\_ hours of professional time representing the minor child, and charges \$\_\_\_\_\_ per hour, which is fair and reasonable based upon his experience in these matters and reputation in the legal community. In addition, his paralegal has

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Petition of the Child's Attorney for Interim Counsel Fees Page 2
expended hours of paraprofessional time at her rate of \$ per hour. The total fee
through February 1, 2008 is \$
4. The parties were each ordered by the Court to deposit \$ into the trust account
for the child's attorney, and they have complied with the Court's Order.
5. In addition to the fees charged, undersigned Counsel paid for the deposition transcripts
in this case in the amount of \$ He wishes to receive reimbursement for these
advances
WHEREFORE, your Child's Attorney prays:
1. That the Court award him Counsel fees in the amount of \$ for services
rendered from November 1, 2007, through February 1, 2008 at the rate of \$per
hour. (This amount in includes the costs advanced as set forth in the billing history).
2. That the Court authorize the undersigned Child's Attorney to withdraw the funds held in
Trust and apply the funds toward the interim fees awarded herein.
3. That each party be required to deposit an additional \$into the Child's
Attorney's trust account to serve as a deposit toward anticipated costs of future services.
4. And for such other and further relief as to this Honorable Court may seem just and
proper

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Petition of the Child's Attorney	for Interim Cou	ınsel Fees	Page 3
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Keith N. Schiszik, Esq.			
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Frederick, MD 21701			
(301) 662-8811			
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for the Defendant, at 19 N. Court Street,	Frederick, Md 21	/01.	
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# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

Frank Smith	
Plaintiff	
v	Case No: 07-1772
Mary Smith	
Defendant	
ORDER OF	COURT GRANTING INTERIM COUNSEL FEES FOR THE CHILD'S ATTORNEY
Upon consideration of is on this day of Maryland;	the Petition of the Child's Attorney for Interim Counsel fees, i
ORDERED, that Inte for services re 1, 2008; and it is further	m fees for the Child's Attorney are hereby awarded in the amount of dered and costs advanced between November 1, 2007 and Februar
ORDERED, that the and applied toward the amou	nds held in Trust by the Child's Attorney may be released from Trust awarded herein; and it is further,
additional sum of \$directly to the Trust account 60 days of the date of this Or	aintiff pay directly to the Trust account of Keith N. Schiszik, Esq. the within 60 days of the date of this Order, and the Defendant pa Keith N. Schiszik, Esq. the additional sum of \$ within er, as additional deposits toward services which will be rendered by
the Child's Attorney in the f	ire.
	Judge of the Circuit Court

DAY & SCHISZIK 2 WENT PATRICK STREET DERECK MARVLAND 21708 FROM FOLZ-HOM

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

XXXXXXX XXXXXXXX	:
Plaintiff	: : :
v.	: Case No. XXXX FL
XXXXXXX XXXXXXXX	: :
Defendant	: :
PETITION	FOR ATTORNEYS FEES
Comes now	, Esquire, attorney for the minor children, XXXX
XXXXXXX, born X/X/XX and XXXX	XX XXXXXXX, born X/X/XX and petitions the
Court for payment of attorneys fees and	costs. Counsel represents as follows:
1. That on	, I was appointed by this Court as Best
Interest Attorney for XXXXX and XXX	XXXXX XXXXXXX to represent the best interests of
said children in the above-captioned cas	se in all matters relating to custody and visitation; such
representation shall include consideration	on of the waiver (or not) of the
psychiatric/psychological privilege of th	ne aforesaid minor children, and may include requests
for counseling and psychiatric evaluatio	n.
2. That, pursuant to said ap	pointment, I performed legal services necessary to
represent the best interests of the minor	children.
3. That, to date, the amount	of time expended in this matter is X.X hours.
4. That my hourly rate is \$	per hour, but for this appointment is
reduced to \$ per hour.	
5. That the attorney's fees d	lue and owing are \$ A bill for said
services are attached hereto and made a	part hereof. Counsel in this matter have received said
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6. That, at the time this Honorable Court entered the Order appointing me as the
Best Interest Attorney for the minor children, the Plaintiff was ordered to advance to his
attorney the sum of \$ to be placed in the Registry of the Court within 30 days
of the date of the Order.
7. That, at the time this Honorable Court entered the Order appointing me as the Best
Interest Attorney for the minor children, the Defendant was ordered to advance to her attorney
the sum of \$ to be placed in the Registry of the Court within 30 days of the
date of the Order.
8. That said monies have been placed in the Registry of the Court.
9. That the Order (Best Interest Attorney) stated that the award of fees shall be
reserved for future determination by the Court, both as to amount and assessment between the
parties.
WHEREFORE, the undersigned prays as follows:
1. That this Honorable Court grant her Petition for Attorney's Fees; and
2. That this Honorable Court order the Court Registry pay to,
Esquire the sum of \$; and
3. That this Honorable Court determine how the remaining balance of \$
is to be paid; and
4. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.
Respectfully submitted,

Donna E. Van Scoy, Esquire (XXXXX)
50 West Montgomery Avenue, Suite 105
Rockville, Maryland 20850
(301) 610-0110
Best Interest Attorney

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the day of, a copy of the foregoing			
PETITION FOR ATTORNEYS FEES was mailed, postage pre-paid to: XXXX X. XXXXX,			
Esquire Attorney for the Plaintiff at Address, Suite XX, City, State Zip Code, and			
XXXXXXX XXXX, Esquire, Attorney for the Defendant at Address, City, State Zip Code.			
Donna E. Van Scoy, Esquire			

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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	Defendant	: :		
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	, Esquire, Best Into	erest Attorney for	XXXXX XXXXXX	XX and
XXXX XXX	XXXX, minor children of the	he parties, and any	Opposition thereto, it	is this
day of	, 2007,	by the Circuit Cou	ırt for Montgomery C	ounty,
Maryland,				
	ORDERED, that	, Es	quire is hereby award	ed attorney's
fees in the am	nount of \$	; and it is furth	ier	
	ORDERED, that the Cour			\$
-	_ to	, Esquire.		
	ORDERED, that the Plair	ntiff is to pay the su	ım of \$	to
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JUDGE, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland

This is a proper Order to be p	assed:
Domestic Relations Master	